## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

:

IN RE ROYAL AHOLD N.V. SECURITIES & ERISA LITIGATION

Civil No.: 1:03-MD-01539

**SECURITIES ACTIONS** 

...o0o...

## **SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCED**

## Preliminary Approval Hearing January 6, 2006

Royal Ahold, N.V., and Lead Plaintiff COPERA announced on November 27, 2005 a \$1.1 billion settlement of the class action securities fraud litigation pending in the District of Maryland. A preliminary approval hearing is scheduled for January 6, 2006 in Courtroom 1A. Further details are available on the web at <a href="https://www.royalaholdsecuritieslitigation.com">www.royalaholdsecuritieslitigation.com</a>.

November 28, 2005